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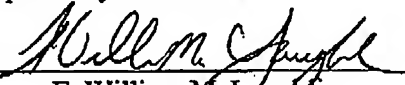
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Although one of the attorneys acting on behalf of the applicant has made, by telephone, several subsequent inquiries to the primary examiner, it appears from the appended pages that no further, substantive action has been taken by the Office. The attorneys acting on behalf of the applicant have been informed by a principal of the assignee of this application that its licensing efforts have been hampered by the aforementioned delays. The undersigned attorney submits, therefore, that special status is warranted. So as to facilitate further examination, the undersigned attorney reiterates his willingness to participate in a face-to-face or telephone interview with the primary examiner.

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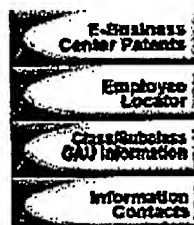
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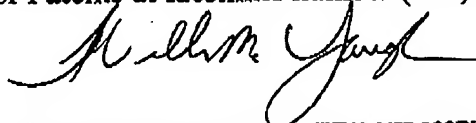
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